



605.03 Transfer of Inmates to Outside Services

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605.03-1 Inmate Transfer to Hospital

The health care provider has the authority to cause an inmate to be transferred from the facility to a hospital whenever emergency or necessary treatment is required.

- I. Health care staff will determine the mode of transportation.
 - A. Emergency Medical Services
 - B. Hendry County Sheriff's Office vehicle
- II. Health care staff shall notify the appropriate Emergency Room in advance of the inmate's transfer to inform them of the nature of the inmate's medical problem, and shall maintain routine telephone contact with the hospital concerning the progress of the inmate if admitted.
- III. A Detention Deputy shall escort and guard each inmate transported to a hospital or to other outside health care provider, unless the Corrections Lieutenant, Jail Administrator, or Sheriff has made other arrangements. Should an inmate be admitted to the hospital, the escorting Detention Deputy shall remain with the inmate until relieved by another Detention Deputy or Law Enforcement Deputy.
- IV. The Shift Supervisor shall inform the Corrections Lieutenant and health care services whenever an inmate is admitted to a hospital.

605.03-2 Consultations

The health care provider may request inmates be examined on a consultation basis by an outside physician, psychiatrist, or dentist.

- I. Absent medical necessity, outside consultation appointments are subject to the approval of the Shift Supervisor. Appointments conflicting with court or other appointments must be rescheduled.
- II. The Shift Supervisor shall be notified in writing by the health care staff of such appointments, to include the name of the off-site provider, address, telephone number, the date and time of the appointment, and the inmate's name.

605.03-3 Transport of Inmates with Acute Illness

- I. Inmates with emergency medical or psychiatric illnesses requiring care beyond the scope of care provided by the health care provider will normally be transported to the Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- II. The mode of transportation will be determined by health care staff when available. Inmates with non life-threatening conditions may be transported by Jail vehicles.
- III. A Detention Deputy or Law Enforcement Deputy shall be assigned each inmate being transported.
- IV. Inmates being transported shall be secured with handcuffs and leg irons, unless the nature of the injury prevents such restraint use.

605.03-4 Routine Transport of Inmates to Outside Services

- I. Inmates may be routinely transported to a hospital, dental offices, clinics, or physician's offices for specialty treatment or consultations not available at Jail facility.
- II. Health care staff is responsible for determining need, scheduling appointments, and preparing necessary paper work.
- III. Health care staff shall notify the Shift Supervisor of the scheduled appointment as soon as possible. The Shift Supervisor should be notified at least seven days in advance of scheduled appointments. The method and mode of transportation shall be as outlined by Jail policy.
- IV. Consultation between the Jail Administrator, or designee, and the Health care staff shall occur concerning transfers in and out of the facility of inmates diagnosed as having a psychiatric illness.
- V. **See Section 605.04, Inmates Admitted to Hospital.**
- VI. **See Section 607.11, Inmate Transport**, for general security information regarding transporting inmates.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:
Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:
N/A

PREA:
N/A

Forms:
N/A

Other Policy/ Procedure References:
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